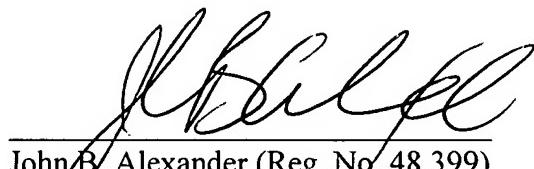


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-26 are currently pending in the instant application after entry of the instant amendment. No new matter is added by the within Amendment. Claims 1, 3, and 4 have been amended to incorporate substituents at R<sub>3</sub> and on the 2-aryl ring which are recited in the compounds of Tables I, II, and III. Claim 11 has been amended to independent format. Support for new claim 26 can be found throughout the specification (see, for example Tables I and III). Applicants respectfully request that the within Amendment be entered prior to consideration of the application.

While it is believed that no fees are needed for entry of such Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105, should any fees be required in connection with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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